

MINUTES
S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Board Meeting –January 22, 2007
Kingtree Building, Suite 201 - Room 111
110 Centerview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Anker, Cassandra Brunson, Marjorie Hammock, Richard Hepfer, and Lynn Melton.

OTHERS PRESENT: Patricia Glenn, Administrator; Sharon Dantzler, OGC; Ann Reese, OIE; Sheridan Spoon, OGC; Louis Rosen, Hearing Officer; Ruby McClain, ADD

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with section 30-4-80 of the Freedom of Information Act.

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn Melton - President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Lynn Melton was elected President. Jane Anker was elected Vice-President.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board voted to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2006 Board Meeting.

APPEARING:

Mosi Abay Bundu, MSW:

Mr. Bundu appeared before the Board to discuss his “yes” answer to question #11 “Have you ever been involuntarily terminated from any social work or related employment?”

After discussion with Mr. Bundu and review of the professional references and information he presented, the Board voted to allow Mr. Bundu to continue with the application process at the LMSW level and sit for the masters examination.

Barbara Schoeppner Gerhard, MSW:

Ms. Gerhard appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answers to Question #8 “Are you currently or have you in the last 5 years been addicted to or used in excess, any drugs or chemical substance including alcohol?” and Question #9 “Are you currently being treated or have you in the last 5 years been treated for drug or alcohol abuse or participated in a rehabilitation program?”

After discussion with Ms. Gerhard and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted for Ms. Gerhard to request a letter from her treating psychiatrist re: her treatment and fitness to practice social work. The Board will review this letter at the March 19, 2007 Board meeting.

Colleen Elizabeth McConnell, MSW:

Ms. McConnell appeared before the Board to discuss her “yes” answer to question #7 “Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic violation?”

After discussion with Ms. McConnell and review of the professional references and information she presented, the Board voted to allow Ms. McConnell to continue with the application process at the LMSW level and issue the LMSW license to her.

Allen William Ott, MSW:

Mr. Ott appeared before the Board to discuss his “yes” answer to question #7 “Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to a criminal offense, other than a minor traffic violation?”

After discussion with Mr. Ott and review of the professional references and information he presented, the Board voted to allow Mr. Ott to continue with the application process at the LMSW level and issue the LMSW license to him.

APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE:

The Board voted to approve all of the applicants eligible for licensure from November 1, 2006 through January 1, 2007 (see attached).

CONTINUING EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS:

The Board voted to approve the following Continuing Education Sponsors:

Sponsors Name: HOSPICE CARE OF TRI-COUNTY
Title of Training: “Culture & Loss”
Dates of Training: March 29, 2007/Columbia, SC
Presenter: Ann Lichliter, LISW-CP
Clock Hours: Three (3) Social Work Hours

Sponsors Name: TYPE HARMONY
Title of Training: “Psychological Type”
Dates of Training: February 23, 2007/Aiken, SC
Presenter: Patricia Ryan, LISW-CP
Clock Hours: Fifteen (15) Social Work Hours

HEARINGS:

Complaint 2007-01: Deborah B. Bailey, LISW-CP License No. 7020

The Board voted not to accept Ms. Bailey’s signed Consent Agreement for a public reprimand and continued enrollment in RPP. The Board wanted an addendum to the Agreement to include two years of suspension stayed during which time Ms. Bailey is to be supervised by a Board approved supervisor who reports to the Board twice a year, she is not to practice independently, and she is to remain in compliance with the RPP program. If Ms. Bailey agrees to the Agreement as amended, the Board will vote to accept at the March 19, 2007 board meeting.

Complaint 2007-02- Janice A. Broach, LBSW License No.7238

The Board voted to accept an “Agreement to Relinquish License to Practice Social Work” signed by Ms. Broach to permanently relinquish her license to practice social work in SC. See attached Order

Complaint 2007-03: David Gilfillan, LISW-CP License No. 5075

.The Board voted to issue an “Order” for indefinite suspension. See attached Order

AJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM. The next scheduled Board Meeting will be March 19 at 9:00 AM. in Room 111, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, Columbia, South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia F. Glenn
Administrator